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Rev. C. T. Torrey

Salem, March 30th 1839

Dear Brother Phelps,

You mentioned that when the vote was taken in your church about sending the Concert money to N. York several voted in the negative. But our paper agent, Mr Peakes, who was present says he is quite certain every man but one, Adams, who voted against it were not your folks. One of them was Deacon Reed of Bridgewater. They however voted thus by mistake, as they afterwards said to him. So I think you need not be bothered by it. However, the appropriation of the money to Wilson, is better.

[Well. the meeting is over - and Garrison proclaims "the question settled" - but it don't they settled. And we must be prepared for 'War' - War to the knife - and that beyond the hilt - Yet it must be a war of posts. I think a pamphlet appeal to the abolitionists of the

But yet our battery must be mounted with 5000 guns before one is loaded, or a shot fired - We must be content to suffer a little, as Nelson was, from the enemies' broadsides, at first - But if we keep cool, we can fight the harder by-and-bye -

Please keep me advised of the proceedings of our friends, and give me a word on these various points

Yours affectionately

Chas. T. Torrey -

State - setting forth at length the causes of alienation and strife, and the way to heal them, so very much needed - & you & the Man to write it -

2 - No new organization till after the May meeting - We shall not be the minority, there, but by our own extreme folly -

3 - Elaborate preparations for our at our June meetings in Boston, if we are defeated there -

4 - Can our paper be kept out of the strife until then? I am afraid lest the Committee waver in their firmness - I know how hard it is to my own spirit to keep still, and be the object of attack in the Liberator, from week to week, without the power to reply -

(Dec 5 1833)

Rev Amos A. Phelps,

Boston,

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